

CLEVER POLITICAL POEM.

Written by an Irishman During the Rebellion of 1798.

What is spoken of as "one of the cleverest political poems ever composed" was written by Arthur Connor for O'Connor, the friend of Lord Edward Fitzgerald, and, like him, a prominent figure in the Irish rebellion of 1798. He was arrested at Margate that year when on his way to France on a secret mission. After being detained in Kilmainham jail for some time he was at length removed, with other political prisoners, to Fort George in Scotland. It was while on his way thither that he distributed copies of the following poem, which was regarded as a proof of his return to loyalty:

The pomp of courts and pride of kings
I prize above all earthly things,
I love my country, but the king,
Above all men his praise I sing.
The royal banners are displayed,
And may success the standard aid.

I fain would banish far from hence
The "Rights of Man" and common sense,
Confusion to his odious reign,
That foe to princes, Thomas Paine!
Defeat and ruin seize the cause
Of France, its liberties and laws!

If the above lines be read continuously, they seem to express very loyal sentiments, but if you read the first line of the first verse and then the first line of the second verse you will find that they breathe the spirit of rampant rebellion:

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Arthur O'Connor ultimately made his way to France, where, in 1807, he married the daughter of the Marquis de Condorcet. He entered the French army and rose to the rank of general. His death took place in April, 1852, when he was eighty-seven years of age.

The Junius Letters.

In Lord Holland's reminiscences there is a story told on the authority of Lord Albemarle concerning the authorship of the "Junius" letters. Albemarle was present at a dinner where a conversation was started between Dudley North and Sir Philip Francis. The former rallied the latter somewhat rudely as the author of "Junius" and said it was vain to deny it.

Francis grew angry and with more solemnity than was usual exclaimed: "Do you mean to tell me seriously that I am a scoundrel or liar? I have de-

nied distinctly my being the author, and after that they who believe I am must believe me to be a liar or a scoundrel, or both." Dudley North then changed his battery. At last he said: "In short, it is idle to talk so much about it. We all, in truth, know how it is. Lloyd" (Lord Grenville's private secretary) "wrote the letters and you corrected the press." Francis at these words seemed startled and answered, as Albemarle thought, with emotions of surprise, "You have made worse guesses, sir, in your life than that."

Doubtful Testimonial.

Drug Clerk—That middle aged man who bought a bottle of our famous hair restorer two weeks ago was in again today.

Proprietor—Did he want another bottle?

Drug Clerk—No; he wanted a wig.—Chicago News

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that the Common Council of the City of Astoria has declared its determination and intention to improve Bond street from the west line of Sixth street to the West line of McClure's Astoria in that part of the City of Astoria as laid out and recorded by John McClure, and extended by Cyrus Olney.

Said improvement shall consist of removing all the old stringers, sidewalks and planking and grading the street to the established grade to the full width thereof, except the portion where wooden sidewalks are constructed, and at such places the street shall be graded from curb to curb to the established grade, or to the sub grade so that when the street is improved it will be on the established grade. New sidewalks shall be constructed on both sides of the street and on the south side of the street from the west line of Fifth street to the west line of McClure's Astoria, and on the north side of said street from the west line of Fourth street to the east line of Third street the sidewalks shall be cement sidewalks 5 feet wide with a 2-foot park space between the sidewalk and the curb and a park space of one foot between the inside edge of the sidewalk and the property line, and on the remaining portion of the street the sidewalks shall be wooden sidewalks constructed of decking two inches in thickness. Gutters shall be constructed on both sides of the

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street and catch basins connecting with sewers shall be constructed in each corner and all springs and sepages shall be taken up by tiling drains and lead into the gutters.

From curb to curb the street shall be macadamized or filled in with crushed rock to the depth of twelve inches when thoroughly rolled and each layer of four inches shall be well rolled.

In matters of detail said improvement shall be constructed according to the plans and specifications therefore to be prepared by the City Surveyor.

That the costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be defrayed by special assessment upon the lots, lands and premises benefitted by said improvement, which said lots, lands and premises are as follows, to-wit: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in each of blocks 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 and lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 in each of blocks 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, all in that part of the City of Astoria as laid out and recorded by John McClure and extended by Cyrus Olney in Clatsop County, Oregon.

OLOF ANDERSON,

Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria 4-6-8t.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that the Common Council of the City of Astoria has declared its determination and intention to improve Duane street from the west line of Tenth street to the west line of Sixth street, excepting the crossing at the intersection of Ninth street and Duane street. Said improvement shall be made by grading said street to the established grade to the full width thereof, and from curb to curb to the sub-grade with a 12-inch crown so that the street will be on the established grade when filled in, or macadamized and by constructing a retaining wall along the property line on the north side of the street between the west line of Tenth street and the east line of Ninth street and the west line of Ninth street and the east line of Eighth street and the west line of Seventh street and the east line of Sixth street for the purpose of holding the fill in grading the sidewalk area and a fill shall be made by puddling the same in a compact form, and cement sidewalks

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shall be constructed 6 feet wide on each side of the street with a two-foot park space between the edge of the sidewalk and the curb, and gutters shall be constructed on each side of the street with a catch basin connecting with the sewer at each corner of the street, and the street shall be filled in and macadamized with crush rock from curb to curb to the depth of 12 inches with a 12-inch crown in the center when thoroughly rolled.

In matters of detail said improvement shall be constructed according to the plans and specifications therefore to be prepared by the City Surveyor and general ordinance No. 1901 and any matter of construction and drainage found necessary to make the improvement safe or substantial shall be done by the contractor whether specified or not, without extra charge.

That the costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be defrayed by special assessment upon the lots, lands and premises benefitted by the same which said lots, lands and premises are included in the special assessment district including all lots, lands and premises so benefitted to-wit: Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, in each of blocks 26, 27, 28 and 29; lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in each of blocks 40, 41, 42 and 43; lots 5 and 6 in block 30, and lots 3 and 4 in block 39 all in that part of the City of Astoria as laid out and recorded by John McClure in Clatsop county, Oregon.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that the Common Council of the City of Astoria has declared its determination and intention to improve Irving avenue from the east line of Eighteenth street to the west line of Adair's Port of Upper Astoria

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as laid out and recorded by John Adair by clearing said street to its full width of all brush, shrubs and trees of less than 10 inches in diameter, which trees, shrubs and brush shall be removed by slashing the same, and when slashed, removed from said street in a good thorough and workmanlike manner.

In matters of detail said improvement shall be constructed according to the plans and specifications therefore to be prepared by the City Surveyor.

That the costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be defrayed by special assessment upon the lots, lands and premises benefitted by the same which said lots, lands and premises are included in the special assessment district including all lots, lands and premises so benefitted, to-wit:

All of blocks 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 and 51; 69, 70, 71, 72, 73 and 74; 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29; 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43, all in that part of the City of Astoria as laid out and recorded by John M. Shively, and generally known as Shively's Astoria, in Clatsop County, State of Oregon.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that the Common Council of the City of Astoria, has declared its determination and intention to improve Bond street from the west line of Ninth street to the east line of Sixth street in the part of the City of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by John McClure, and extended by Cyrus Olney. Said improvement shall consist of removing all the old stringers, sidewalks, planking and grading the street to the sub grade so that when fully improved it will be upon the established grade to the full width thereof, and by constructing a concrete retaining wall along the property line on the north side of

the street from the west line of Ninth street to the east line of Sixth street, and on the south side of the street between the west line of Ninth street and the east line of Eighth street, and the west line of Seventh street and the east line of Sixth street, said retaining wall shall be of sufficient strength and depth to hold the fills made for the sidewalks, and the sidewalk area shall be filled in to the proper grade with dirt, and made compact by puddling the same as filled in and cement sidewalks shall be constructed on each side of the street 8 feet wide, and gutters shall be constructed on each side of the street with catch basin connecting with the sewer at each corner, and the gutters to be given sufficient slope for drainage, and from curb to curb the street shall be macadamized, or filled in with crushed rock to the depth of 12 inches when thoroughly rolled, and with a 12-inch crown in the center, and the portion occupied by the track of the Astoria Electric Company Street Car Line, and to a distance of one foot outside of the rails thereof, shall be constructed by said Astoria Electric Company, at its own expense at the same time the street is improved as aforesaid. That in matters of detail said improvement shall be constructed according to the plans and specifications therefore, to be prepared by the City Surveyor.

That the costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be defrayed by special assessment upon the lots, lands and premises benefitted by the same, which said lots, lands and premises are as follows, to-wit:

Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 in each of blocks 9, 10 and 11, and lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 in each of blocks 22, 23, 24, all in that part of the City of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by John McClure and extended by Cyrus Olney, in Clatsop county, Oregon.

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